

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, line 24 through page 8, line 4 with the following:

In a related art, Thompson discloses a patient tracking system in a co-pending application entitled "World-wide Patient Location and Data Telemetry System For Implantable Medical Devices ", Serial Number ~~09/045,272~~ 09/045,275, filed on March 20, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,292,698, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The disclosure provides additional features for patient tracking in a mobile environment worldwide via the GPS system. However, the remote programming concepts advanced by the present invention are not within the purview of the Thompson disclosure because there is no teaching of a web-based environment in which a programmer is remotely evaluated and monitored to effect functional and parametric tune up, upgrade and maintenance as needed.